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Box PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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entitled: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A SURFACE LAYER

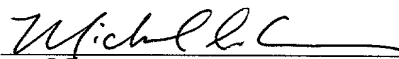
Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 21 claims (pages 1-13, including specification cover sheet).
2. X Declaration and Power of Attorney (**unexecuted/2 pages**).
3. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 100 36 264.8, filed in Germany on July 26, 2000.
4. X Information Disclosure Statement.
5. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee				\$355/710 =	\$710.00
Total Claims	<u>21</u>	- 20 =	<u>1</u>	x \$ 9/18 =	\$ 18.00
Independent Claims	<u>2</u>	- 3 =	<u>0</u>	x \$40/80 =	\$
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				\$135/270 =	\$
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